

Ms. Martha W. Hughey, Assistant Vice President of Reimbursement
National Healthcare Corporation
100 East Vine Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Re: AC# 3-NHS-J8 – National Health Corporation d/b/a
National Healthcare Center of Sumter

Dear Ms. Hughey:

The accompanying report has been prepared by our office based on your Medicaid Financial and Statistical Report submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the cost report period October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. That report was used to set the rate covering the contract periods beginning October 1, 1999.

We are recommending that the Department of Health and Human Services certify an accounts receivable to recover amounts due as a result of the rate change shown on Exhibit A. You will be notified of repayment terms by that Agency.

If you take exception to this report in any manner, you have the right to appeal in accordance with the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended, Title 44, and Department of Health and Human Services Regulation R.126-150, and you must respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this letter. This written response must address the specific items in the report being appealed, and must be directed to the Appeals and Hearings, Department of Health and Human Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Any correspondence should include the control number appearing on Exhibit A of this report.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA
State Auditor

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cc: Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman
Mr. Jeff Saxon
Mr. Robert M. Kerr

Ms. Martha W. Hughey, Assistant Vice President of Reimbursement
National Healthcare Corporation
100 E. Vine Street
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Re: Draft Report - AC# 3-NHS-J8 – National Health Corporation d/b/a
National Healthcare Center of Sumter

Dear Ms. Hughey:

The accompanying draft report has been prepared by our office. Please review the adjustments as presented.

If you have any questions concerning this report and would like a formal exit conference with the auditors, please write to me regarding the establishment of a meeting date. Your correspondence should include the above referenced control number. Your request for a conference must be made within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this report, and the conference must be held within twenty (20) calendar days of your receipt of this report. Any additional documentation in support of allowable cost must be received by our office no later than twenty (20) calendar days after your receipt of this report.

If we do not hear from you within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this report, we will assume you do not want an exit conference. In this case, I will reissue this report to you in final form and you will have thirty (30) calendar days in which to file a formal appeal if you so desire.

Yours very truly,

R. James McClam, CPA
Director of Federal Audits

RJM/ks

cc: Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman
Mr. Jeff Saxon
Mr. Robert M. Kerr

Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman, Director
Division of Home Health and Nursing Home Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: Draft Report - AC# 3-NHS-J8 – National Health Corporation d/b/a
National Healthcare of Sumter

Dear Ms. Hyleman:

Please review the adjustments contained in the accompanying draft report. If you have any comments or disagreements with the adjustments and resulting computations, please contact me within ten (10) calendar days.

Use of the above referenced control number is requested on any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this report.

If you do not have any comments, it will be assumed you are in agreement with the report and only those concerns of the Provider, if any, will be considered prior to the issuance of the final report.

Yours very truly,

R. James McClam, CPA
Director of Federal Audits

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cc: Mr. Jeff Saxon
Mr. Robert M. Kerr

**NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**CONTRACT PERIODS
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1999
AC# 3-NHS-J8**

**REPORT ON CONTRACT
FOR
PURCHASE OF NURSING CARE SERVICES
WITH
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

May 24, 2000

Department of Health and Human Services
State of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, solely to compute the rate change and related adjusted reimbursement rate to be used by the Department in determining the reimbursement settlement with National Health Corporation d/b/a National Healthcare Center of Sumter, for the contract periods beginning October 1, 1999, and for the twelve month cost report period ended September 30, 1998, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. We tested the Home Office costs as shown on the Financial and Statistical Report for Nursing Homes, as filed by National Health Corporation d/b/a National Healthcare Center of Sumter, to determine if these costs were allowable as defined by the State Plan for Medicaid reimbursement purposes and supported by accounting and statistical records maintained by the provider. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Adjustment Report, Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days, and Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis sections of this report.
2. We recomputed the Computation of Reimbursement Rate using the adjusted costs and calculated the rate change in accordance with the provisions of the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and National Health Corporation d/b/a National Healthcare Center of Sumter dated as of October 1, 1994 as amended. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Computation of Rate Change and Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate sections of this report.

Department of Health and Human Services
State of South Carolina
May 24, 2000

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA
State Auditor

**NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**

Computation of Rate Change
For the Contract Periods
Beginning October 1, 1999
AC# 3-NHS-J8

Interim Reimbursement Rate (1)	\$86.51
Adjusted Reimbursement Rate	<u>84.47</u>
Decrease in Reimbursement Rate	\$ <u>2.04</u>

(1) Interim reimbursement rate from the South Carolina Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider Rate Listing dated December 3, 1999

**NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**
Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate
For the Contract Periods Beginning October 1, 1999
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<u>Costs Subject to Standards:</u>	<u>Incentives</u>	<u>Allowable Cost</u>	<u>Cost Standard</u>	<u>Computed Rate</u>
General Services		\$39.47	\$54.43	
Dietary		8.33	9.69	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maint.		<u>6.69</u>	<u>8.24</u>	
Subtotal	<u>\$5.07</u>	54.49	72.36	\$54.49
Administration & Med. Rec.	<u>\$1.69</u>	<u>9.87</u>	<u>11.56</u>	<u>9.87</u>
Subtotal		64.36	<u>\$83.92</u>	64.36
<u>Costs Not Subject to Standards:</u>				
Utilities		2.45		2.45
Special Services		.46		.46
Medical Supplies & Oxygen		3.62		3.62
Taxes and Insurance		1.44		1.44
Legal Fees		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$72.33</u>		72.33
Inflation Factor (3.00%)				2.17
Cost of Capital				7.28
Cost of Capital Limitation				-
Profit Incentive (Max. 3.5% of Allowable Cost)				1.69
Cost Incentive				5.07
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Profit Incentives				(5.01)
CNA Add-On				.75
Nurse Aide Staffing Add-On				<u>.19</u>
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE				<u>\$84.47</u>

**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**
Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1998
AC# 3-NHS-J8

<u>Expenses</u>	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as <u>Adjusted by DHHS</u>	<u>Adjustments</u> <u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Adjusted Totals</u>
General Services	\$1,756,708	\$ -	\$ 3,625 (1) 965 (1)	\$1,752,118
Dietary	371,779	-	2,174 (1)	369,605
Laundry	64,402	-	-	64,402
Housekeeping	147,342	-	-	147,342
Maintenance	85,345	-	277 (1)	85,068
Administration & Medical Records	788,824	-	350,393 (1) 512 (1)	437,919
Utilities	108,584	-	-	108,584
Special Services	20,815	-	324 (1)	20,491
Medical Supplies & Oxygen	160,830	-	-	160,830
Taxes & Insurance	67,614	-	3,554 (1)	64,060

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		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-
Cost of Capital	<u>324,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,674</u> (1)	<u>323,232</u>
Subtotal	3,897,149	-	363,498	3,533,651
Ancillary	8,640	-	-	8,640
Non-Allowable	<u>288,981</u>	<u>363,498</u> (1)	<u>-</u>	<u>652,479</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$4,194,770</u>	<u>\$363,498</u>	<u>\$363,498</u>	<u>\$4,194,770</u>
Total Patient Days	<u>44,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,386</u>
Total Beds	<u>123</u>			

**NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**
Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1998
AC# 3-NHS-J8

<u>ADJUSTMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
1	Nonallowable	\$363,498	
	Nursing		\$ 3,625
	Restorative		965
	Dietary		2,174
	Maintenance		277
	Administration		350,393
	Medical Records		512
	Taxes, Insurance and Licenses		3,554
	Therapy		324
	Cost of Capital		1,674
	 To adjust Home Office costs to allowable HIM-15-1, Sections 2150 and 2304		
	 Total Adjustments	 \$ <u>363,498</u>	 \$ <u>363,498</u>

Due to the nature of compliance reporting, adjustment descriptions and references contained in the preceding Adjustment Report are provided for general guidance only and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

**NATIONAL HEALTH CORPORATION D/B/A
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF SUMTER**
Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1998
AC# 3-NHS-J8

	<u>Old Beds</u>	<u>New Beds</u>	
Original Asset Cost (Per Bed)	\$ 15,618	\$ 15,618	
Inflation Adjustment	<u>2.2493</u>	<u>2.2493</u>	
Deemed Asset Value (Per Bed)	35,130	35,130	
Number of Beds	<u>100</u>	<u>23</u>	
Deemed Asset Value	3,513,000	807,990	
Improvements Since 1981	798,469	41,730	
Accumulated Depreciation at 9/30/98	(1,274,385)	(159,184)	
Deemed Depreciated Value	3,037,084	690,536	
Market Rate of Return	<u>0.063</u>	<u>0.063</u>	
Total Annual Return	191,336	43,504	
Return Applicable to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	-	-	
Allocation of Rent & Interest to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Allowable Annual Return	191,336	43,504	
Depreciation Expense	98,955	14,271	
Amortization Expense	17	4	
Capital Related Income Offsets	(18,647)	(6,208)	
Allocation of Capital Expenses to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Allowable Cost of Capital Expense	271,661	51,571	\$323,232
Total Patient Days (Actual)	<u>36,042</u>	<u>8,344</u>	<u>44,386</u>
Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ <u><u>7.54</u></u>	\$ <u><u>6.18</u></u>	\$ <u><u>7.28</u></u>